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SUBJ: L'EXPRESS CHANGES VIEW ON PRINCE FAHD

1. WE NOTE WITH INTEREST THAT ONLY A FEW WEEKS AFTER L'EXPRESS PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ON MINISTER OF INTERIOR PRINCE FAHD THAT EVOKED MEMORIES OF THE HIGH LIVING, HIGH-ROLLING DAYS OF KING SA'UD (L'EXPRESS OCTOBER 14-20), JEAN-JAQUES HAS CHANGED HIS TUNE. THE LATEST EDITION OF L'EXPRESS WE HAVE RECEIVED (NOVEMBER 18-25) CARRIES FAHD ON THE COVER; A LEAD ARTICLE PRESENTS HIM AS A FAR-SEEING STATESMAN, GREATLY CONCERNED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF FRANCO-SAUDI ARABIAN RELATIONS.

2. TO WHAT WOULD AMEMBASSY PARIS ATTRIBUTE THIS CHANGE IN REPORTAGE? MIGHT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAVE PROMPTED IT AFTER FAHD HAD CANCELLED HIS VISIT TO FRANCE UPON PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST L'EXPRESS ARTICLE? MIGHT THE SAUDIS HAVE PAID L'EXPRESS A HEFTY SUM TO GET THEM TO PUBLISH THE SECOND ONE? (WE'VE HEARD NO RUMORS FROM SAUDI SOURCES ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH PAYMENTS.)

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